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SUBJ: PLO ISSUE IN ILO CONFERENCE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

1. THE PRO-PLO MEMBERS OF THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE DEMONSTRATED THEIR VOTING STRENGTH BY VOTING CLOSURE OF THE GENERAL DEBATE WITH 46,861 VOTES, SOME 16,000 VOTES MORE THAN THE COMMITTEE'S QUORUM (APPROXIMATELY 31,000 VOTES). THE COMMITTEE NOW HAS THREE AMENDMENTS TO THE ALTERNATIVE TEXTS OF AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDING ORDERS CONTAINED IN THE REPORT OF THE GOVERNING BODY STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (195TH SESSION) WHICH THE GOVERNING BODY IN MARCH REFERRED, WITHOUT DEBATE, TO THE ILO CONFERENCE. THESE THREE AMENDMENTS ARE (A) A WORKER AMENDMENT (AFL-CIO CO-SPONSORED) DELETING REFERENCE TO THE UMBRELLA FORMULA (IE RECOGNIZED BY OZU OR THE LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES) AND ADDING A PROVISION THAT TO BE INVITED TO THE CONFERENCE AS AN OBSERVER,

THE LIVERATION MOVEMENT IN QUESTION MUST FULLY RECOGNIZE "THE PRINCIPLES OF THE ILO AND ITS CONSTITUTION AND THE RIGHT OF ALL MEMBER
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STATES TO CONTINUE IN EXISTENCE AND PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK

OF THE ORGANIZATION";

(B) A U.S. GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT INSERTING THE REQUIREMENT THAT APPLICANT LIBERATION MOVEMENTS SHALL BE INVITED TO BE REPRESENTED AT THE CONFERENCE "IN ACCORDANCE WITH CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE GOVERNING BODY"; AND (C) AN AMEDEMMENT SUBMITTED BY THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT DELEGATE (SALAMA) PROPOSING FOR SINGLE DECISION (IE, ELIMINATING ALL PRESENT ALTERNATIVES IN GB STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE REPORT) A TEXT WHICH WOULD ADMIT REPRESENTATIVES OF LIVERATION MOVEMENTS RECOGNIZED BY THE OAU OR THE LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES (IE, DELETING CLAUSE: "WHICH HAVE BEEN INVITED BY THE CONFERENCE OR BY THE GOVERNING BODY TO BE REPRESENTED AT THE CONFERENCE"), AND PROPOSING THE OFFICE TEXTS IN THE GB STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE REPORT CONCERNING THEIR ELIGIBILITY TO SPEAK ON THE DIRECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT AND TO HAVE NON-VOTING REPRESENTATION ON THE COMMITTEES OF THE CONFERENCE ON WHICH THE CONFERENCE, THROUGH ITS REGUAL PROCEDURES, HAS AGREED TO PLACE THEM. THE STRATEGIC PROBLEM IS TO AVOID DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE EGYPTIAN AMENDMENT UNTIL AFTER THE OTHER TWO AMENDMENTS HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED AND, USDEL BELIEVES, DEFEATED.

2. THE ASTRONOMICAL VOTING FIGURES IN THE ABOVE PARAGRAPH IS THE RESULT OF THE FOLLOWING FACTS. THE VOTING STRENGTH OF EACH OF THE THREE GROUPS IN THE COMMITTEE IS EQUAL. THE COMMITTEE IS MADE UP OF 41 GOVERNMENTS, 18 EMPLOYERS, AND 31 WORKERS. THE WEIGHTING FACTOR TO ARRIVE AT EQUAL VOTING STRENGTH IS: EACH GOVERNMENT MEMBER HAS 630 VOTES; EACH EMPLOYER MEMBER HAS 1435 VOTES; AND EACH WORKER MEMBER HAS 738 VOTES. THUS, TOTAL VOTING STRENGTH OF THE COMMITTEE IS 77,490. THE QUORUM (IE, TWO-FIFTHS OF THE VOTING POWER OF THE COMMITTEE), THEREFORE IS 30,996 VOTES.

3. USDEL SUBMITTED ITS AMEDEMMENT AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE US. WORKER AND EMPLOYER MEMBERS.

4. USDEL IS INFORMED THAT THE EUROPEAN NINE WILL ABSTAIN ON THE FINAL ADOPTION OF ANY TEXT AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION UNDER WHICH OBSERVER STATUS MAY BE GRANTED TO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. CANADA LIKEWISE IS KEEPING A LOW PROFILE AND INDICATES IT WILL ABSTAIN. JAPAN INDICATES IT IS LIEKLY TO VOTE FOR AMENDMENTS PERMITTING OBSERVER STATUS, T MAINTAIN CONSISTENT POSITION IN UN AND OTHER SA'S, AND PERSONS URGING THEM TO CONFIDENTIAL

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RECONSIDER IN FAVOR OF ABSTENTION. THESE ABSTENTIONS WILL SERVE NO USEFUL PURPOSE IN THE COMMITTEE WHERE THE QUORUM IS TWO-FIFTHS OF THE VOTING STRENGTH OF THE COMMITTEE WHICH THE PRO-PLO MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE CAN EASILY SURPASS. THEIR ABSTENTIONS IN PLENARY HOWEVER MAY BE MORE SIGNIFICANT.

5. US COMMITTEE MEMBER (PERSONS) HAS URGED THE NINE TO SPEAK IN COMMITTEE AT LEAST ON THE PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS OF THE PROPER

ORDER IN WHICY THE THREE AMENDMENTS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE. PARODI, GOVERNMENT DELEGATE OF FRANCE, AGREES THAT THIS QUESTION OF PROCEDURE IS DIFFERENT FROM THE ISSUE OF SUBSTANCE (ON WHICH THE NINE DEFINITELY WILL NOT RPT NOT SPEAK), AND HAS AGREED TO TRY AT THE EUROPEAN NINE CONSULTATIVE MEETNG MONDAY MORNING, JUNE 9, TO URGE THE MEMBERS TO PARTICIAPATE IN THIS PROCEDURAL DEBATE.

6. SHOULD THE CHIRMAN, AS PERMITTTED BY ARTICLE 36, PARA 7 (2) OF THE STANDING ORDERS OF THE CONFERENCE, DECIDE TO VOTE THE AMENDMENTS AGAINST EACH OTHER, USDEL PLANS TO WITHDRAW ITS AMENDMENT SO AS NOT TO SPLIT ANY ANTI-EGYPTIAN AMENDMENT VOTES BETWEEN THE OTHER TWO AMENDMENTS.

7. USDEL PLANS TO VOTE FOR THE WORKER AMENDMENT WHICH AS INTRODUCED BY SEIDMAN OF THE AFL-CIO; HAWKE, AUSTRALIAN WORKERS MEMBER; AND JOE MORRIS, CANADIAN WORKERS MEMBER.

8. EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO PROLONG THE DEBATE IN THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE AS LONG AS POSSIBLE SO THAT THE GOVERNING BODY ELECTIONS MAY BE HELD BEFORE THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE REPORT IS CONSIDERED AND ACTED UPON BY THE CONFERENCE. THE SUCCESS OF THIS STRATEGY UNFORTUNATELY IS IN NO SENSE ASSURED.
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